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1. On 12 January 1954, 5 trucks, each occupied by 20 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; 2 trucks, each towing a 85-mm AT gun and occupied by about 20 troops; and 1 jeep were seen leaving the Neue Kaserne east of Schubert Strasse, Gotha.

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A short time later, the column was followed by about 70 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and equipped with 2 heavy machine guns, 6 light machine guns and carbines; and proceeding toward Molschleben. At about 6 a.m. on 14 January, 4 trucks, each towing a 82-mm mortar, occupied by a total of about 60 troops left the installation.

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2. On 14 January, about 200 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets left the Heeresflak Kaserne west of Schubert Strasse for the training area. At about 4 p.m., 6 trucks, each occupied by about 15 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; 5 trucks towing 4 x 82-mm mortars and 1 x 57-mm AT gun and each occupied by about 10 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; and 1 jeep occupied by 5 officers were seen entering the installation.

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Comment. Weapons and motor vehicles observed confirm the 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Gotha until mid-January. Further information is needed to determine whether the 85-mm AT guns belong to the rifle regiment of the 64th AT Bn of the division, also carried there.

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